

## **God Never Changes**

Change is inevitable. All around us is the evidence of continual change. We are fast approaching the end of hot summer days and moving toward cooler temperatures. School has started again for our kids marking the end of their summer break. Families continue to move in and out of our communities. The unexpected continues to happen despite all our best efforts to be prepared. All of this and more are indicative of change.

The story is told about a bishop back in the 1870's who had charge of a small denominational college. On an annual visit he boasted to the president of the institution his firm belief that everything that could be invented had been invented. The college president thought otherwise. He believed that in 50 years men would be flying like birds. The bishop was shocked and said, "Flight is reserved for angels and you are guilty of blasphemy." The name of the bishop was Milton Wright and back home he has two sons, Orville and Wilbur.

Change occurs. New things are made and designed all the time in our world. Many things which were not even conceived of a few years ago are now commonplace. It is true with things but it is also true with regard to relationships. People change. We hope that our relationships will withstand the tests of time but in ourselves, we have no hope that this will happen. Despite our hopes, sometimes our relationships change for the worse and this kind of change is painful.

God spoke to the Israelites in the Jewish scriptures during the prophet Isaiah's time and said, "Behold, the former things have come to pass, and new things I now declare; before they spring forth I tell you of them." God never changes. We are promised that he remains the same yesterday, today, and forever. God does allow change in our lives. The only anchor we have is the God who does not change. That "new thing" which God has declared is the basis for our trusts and security because it comes from the one who does not change.